

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated April 21, 2004, Claims 34, 35, 40, 45, 46, 54-56 and 63-65 were rejected. Also, Claim 39 was objected to. All these claims are canceled herewith. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the canceled claims in a future continuation application.


Applicant notes that this application has already undergone an extended prosecution. Hence, although the Office Action contains certain defects and inaccuracies, Applicant reserves the right to respond to such issues in a future continuation application, so that this application can proceed to issuance. As just one example of such issues, Applicant notes that the Examiner's interpretation of the word "snippet" at the top of page 4 of the Office Action appears to have no cited support whatsoever. In this context, Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to Applicant's use of this term in the originally-filed specification, e.g. at page 5, lines 16-27.

In this Office Action, Claims 1-6, 10-14, 16-33, 41-44, 47-53, 57 and 69-73 were indicated as being allowed in the middle of page 6 of the Office Action. Moreover, Claims 66-68 were indicated as being objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, Claim 66 has been re-written in independent form. Claims 67 and 68 depend from Claim 66 and hence do not need to be re-written.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that there are no more outstanding issues. Specifically, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims, each of which was indicated as being either allowed or allowable. To the extent any issue remains, Applicant would like to have such issues resolved by Examiner Amendment so that this application can proceed to issuance. Hence, to resolve any outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 3.

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